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I am in the evangelistic work full time. I shall appreciate hearing from someone who is in need of a revival at once.—C. N. O'Kelly, Rt. 3, Rockmart, Ga.

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If any Christian family, or Christian lady or girl, would like a home with a Christian lady, see me or let me hear from you by return mail. I am a Church of God member. I need someone in my home badly. I have lost my husband who was killed in a car wreck and I am left alone.—Mrs. Orrie Langdale, Rt. 4, Box 136, Lake City, Fla.

OUR READERS WRITE

Dear Brother Bright:

Thank you for your letter of the 2d, answering my inquiry as to who sent in my renewal to the *Evangel*, and stating that upon checking you found *I* did it! No, I didn't Brother Bright, because I did not have the $1.50! It was very kind and sweet in some friend who did it, who evidently was so modest they signed my name to it so I could not find out who it was.—Signed———.

GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE

This is one way to keep up, as well as boost, your official church organ. And, after all, I think it is one of the very best investments you can make, and certainly a superb way to demonstrate love and friendship. So what about sending a few subscriptions to your friends? You could send four for $5.00, you know, and what a year-round Christmas present!

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THANKS A MILLION

The *Evangel* subscriptions increased 986 from November 5 to November 19.

F. G. McAfee

Christian greetings. Enclosed you will find check for $13 for eight-month subscription to the *Evangel* for the ministers of the Tri-towns. Our Church responded, and we trust the *Evangel* will receive a welcome by these ministers of the various churches. I am sure others will want to do the same that many may be blessed of God in reading our official Church organ.—Sincerely yours, F. G. McAfee, Piedmont, W. Va.

My dear Brother McAfee:

I can never tell you how happy your letter, with the thirteen subscriptions made me. You and your good church have set a new example of interest and support in the circulation of the *Evangel*. It is my sincere hope that other pastors and churches will do likewise. After all, what better Christmas present could be sent to a friend than the *Evangel?*

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My dear Brother:

I wanted to say to you that if at any time you find any material in t "Echo," my own writeups or othe which you think would be good print in the *Evangel* or *Lighted Pat way*, feel free to use the material don't usually find time to write ar cles just for publication, but do wr for our local state paper and try keep that going out nearly eve month anyway.

I trust that you are enjoying yo work and that we shall all see the c culation of our papers grow in t days to come.

We keep busy out our way most the time, in some sort of a buildi program. Missoula is building a pa sonage at present. We are endeavo ing to start a new work at Great Fa and plan to build a church there so We are using our folding, porta tabernacle for meetings there at pre ent. Our youth director, Miss Dorot Upton, and Miss Ruth Hawkinson a laboring there now. Pray for us.—W liam Pospisil.

EVANGELISTS AVAILABLE FO MEETINGS

Rev. William C. Loftis, Victory St tion, South Gastonia, N. C.

Rev. Sam Cope, Pinkney Stati S. Gastonia, N. C.

Rev. Andy Cope, Victory Station, Rev. W. C. Loftis.

Rev. Elonzo Heffner, c|o Rev. R Collins, Box 575, Gastonia, N. C.

COVER PICTURE

In the last issue, we gave to you report on the Pentecostal Fellows of North America. This group of fif six men constitutes the execut committee, board of administrati official representatives of eight denominations, and a total memb ship of approximately 1,000,000 p ple who have, or believe in, the ba tism of the Holy Ghost with the itial evidence of speaking in ot tongues as the Spirit gives utteran

It will be of interest to you to lo over this group for faces that y know.

A GREAT CHURCH OF GOD LADY

Sister Ida Freeman, a charter me ber of the Church of God in Alaba City, and one of the best memb that I or any other minister ever h was our guest over a recent week e

Despite the fact that Sister Ida w stricken with infantile paralysis wh

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EDITORIALS...

ARMISTICE SHADOWED WITH WAR CLOUDS

While the echoes of whistles, horns, band music, voices ging "America," etc., of November 11, 1946, have just ded out the thirtieth time since World War I and three ars since World War II, we are swamped with dreadful inous prognostications of World War III, with its atomic d chemical methods of warfare that will annihilate rth's inhabitants at the rate of 1,000,000 for each battle, atomic bomb dropped.

The keynote of most ceremonies, no doubt, was like that Cleveland, Tennessee—for peace that two world wars ve utterly failed to bring. Yet if you noted the addresses er the various radio networks and those reported in the wspapers, you observed that, almost without exception, the speakers and writers insisted that prayers be supmented by a preparedness program adequate to meet inevitable and formidable foe.

Secretary of Air W. Stuart Symington said Armistice is y a "temporary device," and that "only by adequate litary preparedness can we hope to have a free world." Secretary of the Army Royall said, "War is not apt to me so long as we are strong enough presently and potenlly—and known to be strong enough—to meet any ene- successfully."

National Commander of the American Legion expressed conviction of the masses in these words, "We have y one resonable and realistic course before us. That is the United States to muster, in full view of the world, ficient active and reserve military strength to convince and all that extinction must be the price of breaking peace."

have five boys, three of them in their teens, and of all discouraging things Mrs. Bright and I have to contemte concerning their future is that, if the devil continues direct the affairs of this old world, they will one day on the battlefield in bloody World War III. Our childare no better than your precious boys and girls who d in battle, but I know you would not want anyone else go through what you have.

My heart was so touched by the request of a mother ing the 1944 state camp meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, tears streamed down her face. She said "Brother Bright, ad two boys in this dreadful war. I received word a few s ago that one was killed in action. Please, please, rybody pray that I'll not lose my other boy."

Now is the time, mothers, fathers, church—now is the e to pray for a revival of "peace on earth and good will ong men."

BIBLE BELT EXTENDS WELCOME ? ? ? ?

Rev. Armon Cheek, of Wisconsin, originator of the "talkk" church service, launched a campaign in his Universt Church in Chattanooga, November 14, against belief the devil, hell, and eternal punishment after death.

His purpose, he states, is to "free people from the *fear* unishment after death." He says "that the theory of a sonal devil and a literal hell is a lot of theological pycock, unsupported by reason, common sense, or scripe."

He states that he has secured the approval of Dr. Robert Cummins, head of the Universal Church, to leave his church and carry on campaigns in talk-back services for "religious freedom." He expects to concentrate on the South, which he calls the Bible Belt.

This is proof that "good old Southern hospitality" is not only appreciated but also tremendously *imposed* on. However, while Cheek will find a few Southerners who will be gullible to his no-devil, no-hell theory, he will find millions who prefer to believe the following authorities:

Isaiah—"Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations," Isa. 14:9.

David—"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God," Psa. 9:17.

Jesus—"And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame," Luke 16:22-24.

"And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched," Mark 9:45, 46.

John—"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name," Rev. 14:11.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," Rev. 20:10-15.

The Bible in Cleveland, Tennessee, Schools

By MISS ZELPHA RUSSELL

Bible study in the Cleveland city schools was instituted by the Ministerial Association in the fall of 1944, after approval was secured from the city superintendent and city Board of Commissioners.

A Bible Committee was appointed by the Association. Present members are Rev. Samuel Melton, chairman; E. L. Ross, secretary; Rev. R. C. Cook, treasurer; Mrs. W. A. Garrott, P.T.A. Representative; and Mrs. Lawrence

McNabb, Women's Club representative.

The Bible teaching plan in the schools has met with favorable reception from students and parents alike. Teachers are selected for their ability.

Teaching requirements are (1) adequate training educationally and practically; (2) college diploma, with at least twelve semester hours of Bible; and (3) noncontroversial, nonsectarian teaching of the Bible as the Word of God.

The Bible curriculum is intended to be a through-the-Bible course, emphasizing historical facts and literary values. Thus the pupil familiarizes himself with the Bible as a book for study and not merely for reference. Temperance, honesty, purity, truthfulness and like virtues are stressed, as the lives of Bible characters are unfolded.

The elementary Bible course begins with the second grade. Once a week, Bible stories are presented to the various grade levels for at least 30-minute periods, with memory and notebook assignments.

Certificates are awarded to pupils in the fourth through eighth grades for creditable work. Gold medals are presented to the outstanding Bible student in both the seventh and eighth grades.

Objectives of the course are to lead each pupil to reverence the Bible as the Word of God, become familiar with its contents, understand Bible truths and evaluate actions by Bible standards.

An open Bible in the hand of every school child is the greatest antidote to crime, war, race prejudice, and selfishness.

We, the citizens of Cleveland, are happy that Miss Zelpha Russell could write the above factual article about our excellent school system, in the *Cleveland Daily Banner*. If every school system throughout the Nation would adopt a similar Bible teaching plan, our Nation would soon be deserving of the historic title, "Christian America." It would at the same time prepare our youth to face the future with superb strength, qualified to defend our Nation against the onslaught of any communistic, atheistic, and God-hating nation with propaganda or armed force. After all, am I going too far to suggest that it is time for the church and sober-minded citizens of the U.S.A. to assert themselves in no uncertain terms against atheists and those who protect them in their devilish theory?

Lee College Echoes

SECOND SEMESTER OPENS JANUARY 24, 1949 PLAN NOW TO ENROLL

MUSIC DEPARTMENT OF LEE COLLEGE

Are you interested in learning to play the piano, the piano accordion, the Hawaiian guitar, or some band instrument? Perhaps you want to take voice, or learn music theory, or play in a band, or sing in a glee club. Lee College offers you the opportunity to do all these things. There are eight teachers on the music faculty this year. Mr. Donald Moore is teaching advanced piano and Hawaiian guitar; Mrs. Grady Hurst, Mrs. E. M. Tapley and Mrs. James Underwood are teaching piano; Mrs. Underwood is teaching piano accordion; Mr. Jarvis Hill and Miss Lillian Savchenko are teaching voice; and Miss Kate Blackwood is teaching band instruments. In addition to teaching these private classes, Mr. Hill is directing the boys' glee club; Miss Savchenko is teaching college theory and directing a mixed chorus and a girls' glee club; and Miss Blackwood is in charge of the school band and is teaching music history and music appreciation.

Mr. A. T. Humphries teaches music theory and is in charge of church music. Several visitors have commented that the singing in chapel and church services is much better this year than it has been in previous years. Much of the credit for this improvement is due to Brother Humphries.

Several recitals and special concerts are planned for this year by the music faculty. Miss Savchenko is scheduled to give a Christmas cantata Thursday, December 16. Those of you who live near Cleveland have a cordial invitation to attend these special programs.

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MUSIC CLUB

The music Club sponsored by Donald B. Moore, is one of the many clubs at Lee College. It provides both social and educational activities for its members. These members are given an opportunity to display talents and leadership, which is very essential to the Church and community. The students are taught to improve their talents through performance and guidance of a proficient music faculty. They are also trained to become good listeners. With this training students are not afraid to use their talents in their local churches. The Music Club puts forth an effort to give its members a well-balanced musical training, with music studied and treated as a fine art. Each member is treated as an individual and is taught to share his responsibility for the advancement of the Music Club.

The devotional part of the program is under the direction of the chaplain. At each meeting there is prayer and Bible reading. The social activities of the club consist of parties, picnics, weiner-roasts, chicken-fries, hikes and other outings. At these outings the members enjoy such entertainment as initiation of new members, games, etc.

The club officers for this semester are: president, William Holcombe; vice president, Douglas Gibson; secretary-treasurer, Mary Jane Stanley; and chaplain, Clayton McCane.

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HERE AND THERE

We were happy to have as our guests on Sunday, November 14, the Reverend E. J. Boehmer, the Reverend William Dych, the Reverend and Mrs. M. P. Cross and their son Louis and his wife.

Brother Cross brought us a soul-stirring message Sunday evening. We are encouraged to hear that Brother Cross is working in Illinois to get new students for Lee College for the second semester. We know that many of you scattered all over the United States are working for and even sacrificing for Lee College, and we want to say a big hardy "Thank you!" We who are here in Cleveland enjoying the fruit of your sacrifice know that your work is not in vain.

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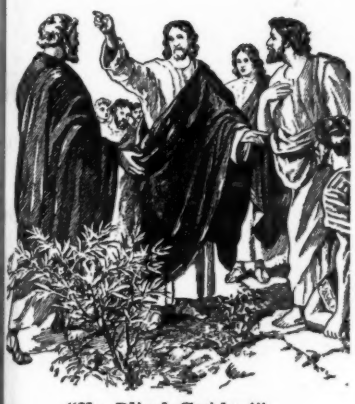

"Ye Blind Guides!"

Double-Minded . . . Blinded

By Wm. Pospisil, State Overseer of Montana

I was reading along in my Bible the ther day, in the nineteenth chapter St. Luke, and when I came to that ace where Jesus was riding towards rusalem and the disciples had laid wn their clothes for a carpet for m to ride on, then the whole multide of the disciples began to rejoice d praise God with a loud voice, I ndered what made them get so ppy all of a sudden and so enthusitic with their acclamations.

Many times while the disciples were llowing Jesus, and they saw the eat miracles, they had reason to orify God for what they saw done the miracle-working Jesus. But is occasion was so outstanding and e disciples got so emotional that the arisees requested Jesus to rebuke s disciples. They wanted them to be let. They could see nothing to get happy about. But Jesus informed em, and I would say us today, too, at "if these should hold their peace, e stones would immediately cry out." At the creation, we are told, "the orning stars sang together, and all e sons of God shouted for joy." Durg the millennium, when Jesus takes His rule here on earth, "the mounins and the hills shall break forth fore you into singing, and all the es of the field shall clap their nds." The original creation was a rious event. The millennium will a foreshadow of Christ's eternal le in the renovated earth and alady bespeaks of the lifting of the st of the curse. When Pilate ked Jesus the question, "Art ou the king . . .?" Jesus answered, o this end was I born, and for this use came I into the world." It is no nder then that when Jesus is ridg towards Jerusalem, offering himlf to the world as their King, that it is such a momentous occasion. His foreknowledge of their rejecting Him, the blindness of the religious, yet self-seeking Pharisees, the shadow of the coming crucifixion could in nowise minimize the glorious possibilities involved in the fulfillment of prophecy declared so many years before, "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass and upon a colt the foal of an ass." This announcement of His coming was profixed by "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem."

So the disciples got happy. They shouted, not because they understood it altogether, but because they were susceptible to the mighty influences of God, and God had chosen this time to bless them and cause them to shout His high praises and to announce the coming King. I don't think it was planned by any political convention. There was no ringleader, as we find in many unions and organizations, to sponsor such an enthusiastic outbreak. I read of no cheer leader encouraging them to shout. But, this was of God. The time had come that the culmination of a great plan was at hand, and God wanted His people to rejoice. When I read this passage and had thought on it, God blessed my soul also, and I did some shouting and praising God, too. Think of it! It was for this very thing that Jesus was born, born to be the King. He is riding into Jerusalem—the coronation march, the triumphant entry. You may say Jesus was born so that He might die for our sins. Yes, but that was only another step in that great plan. No wonder Satan, in his temptation, offered to Jesus all the kingdom's of this world and the glory of them if He would but fall down and worship him. Satan knew this was the ultimate goal of Christ. He offered to him a short cut, but Jesus refused to take the kingdoms that way. Though He was rejected and crucified, He yet will come and be King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Pharisees, though very pious and religious, could not see this. There are many people today, and some of them very religious, too, who do not see that we have anything to shout about when we get saved, or when we get to thinking about the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour to receive us unto Himself. We are living in a day now that is rapidly fulfilling prophecy, just as much so as in the days of Jesus. Jesus said that "many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them." He said to His disciples, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see." To those willing to do God's will, and go all the way with the Lord, the Lord has, in His own way, opened up their understanding and given them spiritual vision and perception. For those who choose to walk in their own ways, even though they may be very religious, God has allowed darkness to cover them so that they cannot perceive spiritual truths. God's messages and truths are sent out in code, so to speak, and unless one has the key, that he can solve this code, it is meaningless. That is why many people say they cannot understand the Bible. They choose to walk in their own ways, and there is no light shed upon God's Holy Word for them. Should they turn from their own ways to God with all their hearts and choose to walk in God's ways, the light would soon dawn and they too would receive a blessing from heaven when God chose to pour one out.

If this blindness of the unspiritual was inconsequental, then it wouldn't matter so much, but this blindness will bring them to eternal torment. Just as surely as the blindness on the part of the inhabitants of Jerusalem brought the judgment that followed

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Can Anyone Backslide?

By Rev. D. H. Delk

John 15:2, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." Note the term "in me." Surely a sinner could not get into Christ, and still be a sinner.

Christians had better take heed; they had better be sure they are not barren, and doubly sure their fruit is good. One little boy said he could tell a tree by its fruit, and his daddy bore crab apples.

Verse 8 says Christ wants "much fruits"; Verse 16 "fruit that will remain" (IN THE TESTING DAY). In verse 4 Christ said, "Abide in me."

I want to ask the eternal-security folk that if anyone can't leave Christ, then why does Christ say, "Stay with me," "Abide in me," etc. The word "abide" means be present, endure. One scripture says he that endureth unto the end shall be saved. Not to them that enjoy a little while, but that ENDURE ALL THE WAY TO THE END. Why beg someone to stay with you if they can't leave you?

A preacher once told me he was saved and was rejoicing because he knew he would be saved one thousand years from now. He also said he asked God every night to forgive him of his sins that day. Well, as for me, if I knew I'd be saved one thousand years from now (regardless of what happens), I'd not lose much sleep over a few unforgiven sins. IT'S CLEAR AS MUD, ISN'T IT?

Listen to what the Spirit of God caused a man to say, in 2 Chron. 15:1, 2, "And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah. . . and he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you."

David told Solomon that if he forsook God, he would be cast off FOREVER. Read 1 Chron. 28:9.

YES, YOU CAN BACKSLIDE. Peter did. He was deceived in himself. He thought he was very strong. "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." Our weapons are not carnal (like the one Peter used). A carnal weapon will certainly be a boomerang of defeat. "Our weapons are not carnal, but mighty (against Satan if they come) through God."

In Mark 16:7, the angel told Mary to go and tell the disciples "and Peter." "And Peter" implies he was no longer a disciple, but a poor backslider, "a used to be." IT'S AN HONOR TO BE EX-MAYOR OR EX-GOVERNOR, EX-PRESIDENT, ETC. BUT TO BE AN EX-DISCIPLE OF CHRIST IS PATHETIC.

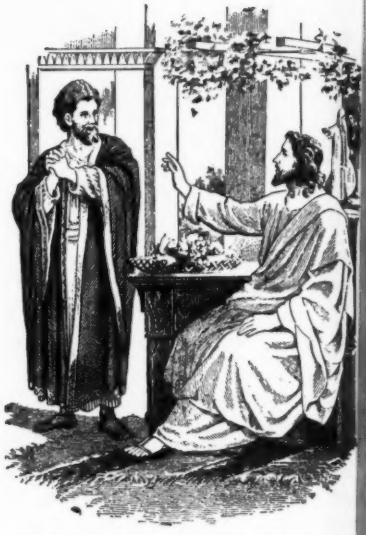
The devil is singing the sweet lullaby of "Eternal Security" to millions, as they become ex-Christians.

Peter was still remembered and loved, and, thank God, he made a come-back.

Once a tourist said to a native, "This is a very dangerous precipice. It's a wonder a warning sign is not put up." The native said, "A warning sign was put up for two years, and no one fell over, so they took down the sign." Honestly, I think the doctrine of eternal security is one of the most dangerous pitfalls the devil has ever invented. We need big danger signs, in flaming red letters, STAY AWAY—DON'T COME NEAR—THERE'S GREAT DANGER IN FALLING INTO ETERNAL DAMNATION.

A Japanese proverb says, "A fool loseth his estate before he sees his folly," and a hint to the wise is sufficient.

2 Peter. 2:1, 2, "There shall be false teachers among you, who privily (secretly) shall bring in damnable heresies . . . and many shall follow their pernicious ways." Verse 18, "They speak great swelling (bulging over, superior from an educational standpoint only) words of vanity, they allure . . . those that were clean escaped from them who live in error." Verse 20, "If after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are AGAIN entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse than the beginning." Verse. 21, "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them."



If any one can see eternal securit in this scripture then he has a visio I don't have. If any one doesn' see any warning or danger sign in this, then he is blind and i darkness. A proverb says, "A fool wil laugh when he is drowning." Another says, "A fool's tongue is long enoug to cut his own throat." These fals teachers foam out their own shame they shall utterly perish in their ow corruption.

The Galatians backslid. In Gal. 5:4 "Ye are fallen from grace." COULD A BOY FALL FROM A TREE UNLESS HE WERE IN A TREE TO FAL FROM? In ch. 4:9 Paul asked them this question, "How turn ye agai (margin says, "back") to the wea and beggarly elements, where unt ye desire AGAIN to be in bondage? "YES, THE GALATIANS BACKSLI (AND WE CAN ALSO) because the let the devil BEWITCH THEM. Ch 3:1 They backslid because they nev obeyed the truth.

I BELIEVE MANY FOLKS REALL BELIEVE IN THIS FALSE DOCTRIN OF ETERNAL SECURITY, becau they won't have the love of the truth "for this cause God shall send the strong delusion that they should b lieve a lie, that they all might b damned who believe not the trut but had pleasure in unrighteousness WHEN ANYONE IS DELUDED B THE DEADLY DRUGS OF ETERNA SECURITY, THEN HE'LL TAK PLEASURE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNES

Again we are admonished to stan fast in the liberty wherewith Chri hath made us free, and be not en

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Rev. Charles Dykstra came to this ountry from Ireland when he was wenty-five years of age. He is now ighty-one. He has been preaching ince he was twenty-five. Sister ykstra is seventy-two years old. They re in Oskalsooa, Iowa, but travel all ver the states of Iowa and Nebraska. hey get about like young people and o from town to town and city to ity soliciting for the Church of God rphanage, Cleveland, Tennessee. hey have the Church of God Orhanage at heart, though they have ever seen it. They solicited over $1,300 st year for the Orphanage. They ere appointed by the ministers' meetgs of Iowa and Nebraska to repreent and solicit funds for the Orhanage again this year. They are oing night and day for God and the hurch. We appreciate Brother and ister Dykstra. We hope they raise 2,000 this year for the Orphanage. hey will get their reward after while.

The states of Iowa and Nebraska re going to come to the front, for we ave some of the finest people in the orld out here. They love God and is Church and they love the power God in their services. Any preacher at would like to preach holiness and e Word of God in the old-time way, me out and be with us. We will find place for you to preach.—Carl Cox, ate Overseer of Iowa and Nebraska.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Dykstra

Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent

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Benton Pike Home, for Boys

A LETTER TO YOU

Dear Co-worker:

Everyone, including the personnel and children, send Christian greetings to you on the field who help make this noble work possible.

Before many of us realize it, the holiday season will be here, and we know you want "our children" to have a happy, joyous Christmas. They do not have Mother and Father to go to with their desires, so they come to us. We do not want to disappoint them but to give them a Christmas as similar as possible to what they would have if they were in a private home. You can help us realize this desire by giving the following suggestions some consideration:

1. *By planning now* to send clothing, toys, candy, fruit or other gifts.

2. By sending a cash contribution for the personnel of the Orphanage to purchase a suitable gift for some underprivileged child.

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THE DOCTRINE O

W. D. Polen, Ministerial Student,
Lee College

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, whenever the word "sanctify" is used, it comes from the Hebrew word "qadash," which means to make clean, consecrate, dedicate, hallow, or make holy.

In the New Testament, wherever the word "sanctify" is used, it is taken from the Greek word "hagiazo," which means to make holy; i. e., to purify or consecrate.

Sanctification is to make pure from all desires that turn one from God. Sanctification has to do with our character and conduct. It is a separation from evil and a dedication unto God. Sanctification is a work of God's grace whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God and enabled to live righteously in this present world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I. *Christ prayed for our sanctification.*

"Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word," John 17:17-20.

II. *Christ suffered to sanctify His people.*

"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate," Heb. 13:12.

III. *Christ gave His life that He might sanctify the Church.*

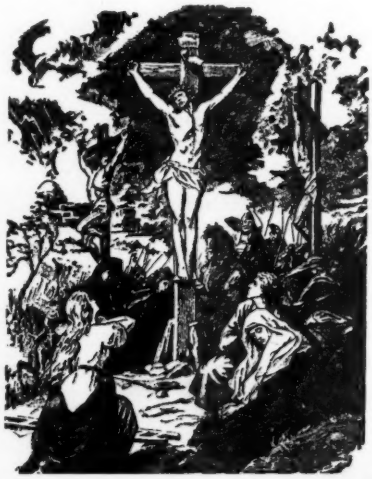
"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word," Eph. 5:25, 26.

IV. *Sanctification is the will of God.*

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."

V. *Paul testified to being sanctified.*

"Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified



through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all," Heb. 10:9, 10.

VI. *There were sanctified people in the Church of God at Corinth.*

"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours," 1 Cor. 1:2.

VII. *The Holy Ghost is a witness to sanctification.*

"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us; for after that He had said before," Heb. 10:14, 15.

VIII. *A person can be wholly sanctified.*

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thess. 5:23.

IX. *A sanctified man is useful in God's kingdom.*

"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work," 2 Tim. 2:21.

HOW ARE WE SANCTIFIED?

1. *We are sanctified by Jesus Christ.*

"And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God," 1 Cor. 6:11.

II. *We are sanctified with the blood of Jesus Christ and by the Holy Ghost.*

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ . . . ," 1 Peter 1:2.

III. *We are sanctified by the Father and the Word.*

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth," John 17:17.

In the Old Testament, sanctification was an outward cleansing, or dedication unto God. In Gen. 2:3, God sanctified the day, set it apart unto Himself as a day of rest. "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." The people of the Old Testament sanctified themselves unto God. Joshua 3:5, "And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." The priests and the house of God were also sanctified. "And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place," 2 Chron. 29:5.

Sanctification in the New Testament is a cleansing of the soul and a complete dedication of one's life to God for service. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul

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nd body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. 5:23. "And for their akes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the ruth," John 17:19.

THE NATURE OF SANCTIFICATION

I. *Separation from the world and things fleshly.*

In the prayer of Jesus Christ to His Father, Christ prayed for His *disciples* o be *separated* from *worldly evils.* ohn 17:15-17, "I pray not that thou houldest take them out of the world, ut that thou shouldest keep them rom the evil. They are not of the orld even as I am not of the world. anctify them through thy truth: thy ord is truth."

II. *Dedication.*

Sanctification includes both a separation from this present world and ll its evils, and a dedication unto od. "Wherefore come out from mong them, and be ye separate, aith the Lord, and touch not the unlean thing, and I will receive you, nd will be a Father unto you, and ye hall be my sons and daughters, saith he Lord almighty," 2 Cor. 6:17, 18. Having therefore these promises, early beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh nd spirit, perfecting holiness in the ear of God," 2 Cor. 7:1.

III. *Purification.*

Sanctification is a cleansing and urifying of the outward materials, r beings, for God in the Old Testament. "And thou shalt take the nointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and halt hallow it, and all the vessels hereof, and it shall be holy. And thou halt anoint the altar of the burnt ffering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar; and it shall be an ltar most holy. . . . And thou shalt ut upon Aaron the holy garments, nd anoint him, and sanctify him; hat he may minister unto me in the riest's office," Ex. 40:9-13.

In the New Testament, sanctification is a *purification* of the *soul.* "Seeing ye have purified your souls in eeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently," 1 Peter 1:22.

THE TIME OF SANCTIFICATION

I. *Subsequent to justification and regeneration.*

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption," 1 Cor. 1:30. The disciples of the Lord were saved according to the words of Jesus. "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven," Luke 10:20. After Jesus testified that the disciples were saved, He prayed for their sanctification in His prayer to the Father. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word," John 17:17-20.

II. *Sanctification is progressive.*

A Christian *does not grow into sanctification* but *grows in sanctification* by keeping himself dedicated to God and separated from the world. We have to keep ourselves sanctified day by day so that the devil will not be to able to sow his evil seed into our hearts. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear," 1 Peter 3:15. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world," 1 John 2:15, 16. "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul," 1 Peter 2:11. "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God," 1 Peter 4:1, 2.

THE GREAT BATTLE

The battle is now raging,
'Tis darkness versus light,
Satan is in the vanguard
And determined to win the fight.

His imps have shining armor,
A foe worthy of their steel,
Out to conquer our greatest possession,
Salvation you can feel.

Modernism is the General,
Assisted by Colonel Pride,
Followed quickly by Major Pleasure,
With Carnal Desire by his side.

Now here comes Captain Adultery,
But he is in disguise,
He evades the law by courthouse rules,
For in his way he's wise.

See how arrogant and boastful
They form in battle array,
Not worried about their enemy,
For this is Satan's day.

His forces are swiftly winning
Or at least they seem to be,
But when our Captain shall appear
His forces shall surely flee.

Remember the Master's orders,
Hold fast, in His love abide.
Though the battle may be furious
He will e'er be by our side.

He has never lost a battle;
His Word can never fail.
When they view the nail-scarred hands,
The powers of hell will quail.

Look up to heaven, pilgrims;
Our God who supplies our breath,
Gave Jesus to conquer every foe
Even the monster Death.

—By F. D. Carey, Atlanta, Georgia.

Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. H. WALKER
Executive Missions Secretary

Revival Fires Burning in the Bahama Islands

We have been having good revival services in some of our churches here in Nassau. The church at Fowler Street has received about ten new members;the church at East Street has received about twelve new members, and the revival is still going on at the East Street church.

Please remember us always when you pray. And may God's richest blessings ever rest upon you all.

Yours in His blessed service,
Reverend William R. Franks,
Missionary.

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We Have Been Greatly Blessed in The Hawaiian Islands

I am glad to report that God is wonderfully blessing here in the Islands. This past Sunday night there were three saved—all adults. Some days I am in from three to five services, teaching and instructing the people. They do not seem to ever grow weary of attending meetings.

The church here owes about $10,000 on their property. I made a bank payment yesterday of $125. The cost of living is terribly high; for instance, eggs are $1.25 a dozen, butter is $1.35 a pound, and potatoes, 18c a pound.

Brother Hawkins is in Hilo now; that is the largest city on the big island of Hawaii. We are hopeful of opening up a work and getting a church there.

Faithfully yours,
A. W. Brummett,
Overseer of T. H.

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Revival in Utila, Republic of Honduras, C. A.

Dear Brother Walker:

Greetings from Utila in Christ's name.

Certainly we are happy to write this letter informing you of the great service the Lord gave here at the church last Sunday night. At least twenty-eight or thirty young men and women, together with a few children, knelt at the altar and were gloriously saved. Some of those saved came from outside the church. When the altar was filled, they began to kneel in the aisle. It was truly wonderful. Our hearts were overjoyed, especially since only five persons had been saved or reclaimed since our coming four months ago.

The church was filled and great crowds thronged about the outside. The Holy Ghost was present.

The conditions here had become almost intolerable. Last week one could see men drunk on the street every day. From the middle of the week, there had been nearly a dozen young men carrying on in terrible disorder. Foul speech and public drinking seem to have become the order of the day, together with the most vulgar dance imaginable. Even at the funeral Sunday evening, the returning procession was molested by the drunks.

Surely the Lord has heard our prayers and seen our tears and labor for these people. He has come to our help. Bless His name! We are expecting another good meeting next Sunday, with perhaps a large number finding the Lord.

Last night, Tuesday night, we had all the new believers come to our house for a short meeting of prayer and instruction. There is so much jealousy and envy toward the workings of the Spirit that we feel each convert must have every encouragement and help possible. After prayer from the group, trial testimonies were given. Each particular problem was given consideration.

After the meeting, light refreshments were served, and the group departed to the church where an outstanding Y.P.E. program was enjoyed.

We give God all the praise for these precious souls that have been saved.

The school is positively excellent, under the circumstances. Next year we shall have to refuse many the privilege of attending—our building is so small, and with no equipment. We could have one hundred or more students, but seventy-five will be the largest number we can take, until we can get another building or do something.

I have gone into considerable detail but felt you would be able to appreciate it, since assuming your duties after our departure.

We are in good health and high spirits. Our best wishes are to you, your staff, your lovely family, and to all the church.

Sincerely,
Inez and O'Neil McCullough

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A Report From Boliva DeSouza, Panama, C. A.

We have returned from a hard trip on which many precious souls have heard the gospel. We hope to return next week. A young man came on horseback to our home yesterday, and wants to know something about the Church of God.We presented to him the way of salvation. He gave himself to the Lord, after our reading and explaining the blessed Word of God. We are hoping to visit his village next month, and carry the glad news of salvation.

At the present we are having heavy showers of rain, and the roads are very bad; but in spite of all the difficulties, God is surely blessing us.

Healed of Cancer

LONDON, Ohio—This is my testimony and request for prayer. Three years ago, I was at death's door with a cancer. The doctor had made all arrangements to send me to a hospital. I was in terrible misery and pain continually, and hemorrhaged every day. I was a regular attendant at church, but my husband had to carry me into church and lay me on the seat. One day he took me up to the altar to be anointed and prayed for. In about a week my faith was able to take hold on God and the Lord woke me up one morning singing in my soul, "He heals my soul and body." Thank God, I was instantly healed and I have not had one pain or ache like I had then, since. In the matter of about two weeks I had gained back some twenty pounds. Since then the Lord has healed me of pneumonia and a deep cut in my hand. Please pray for my husband and two boys to be saved. —Mrs. Marjorie Hix.

Reports FROM THE FIELD

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TENTH RADIO ANNIVERSARY

The month of November, 1948, marks ten years of our ministry by radio. It was ten years ago in November we began our first radio broadcast over Station WSGN, where we continued for seven years. We were with WKAX and WTNB for one year and have been with WVOK, Alabama's most powerful station, since last December.

My wife and I wish to thank all our friends who have made it possible

C. T. Douglas

for us to continue this ministry for this number of years. I am sure if you could see the accomplishment that has been obtained in helping others find our Lord, and the thousands who have been blessed and encouraged through this ministry, you would feel like rejoicing with us to God for His wonderful blessings.

We have labored hard during these years to make this ministry possible. We can't go like we used to because our health will not permit us to so, even at this time my wife is a shut-in with a broken leg and has been confined to her bed for the last three months. How much longer she will have to stay there we do not know. We are just trusting God to heal her leg that she may be able to walk again.

It certainly would bless our hearts to hear from every listener who has heard our broadcast during any period of this ten years. Won't you help us in making this month one of the largest months of mail yet received on our radio anniversary, by writing?—C. T. Douglas, Box 323, Birmingham, Ala.

Congratulations to Brother and Sister Douglas upon having completed a decade of noble radio ministry. We trust that their radio program will gain even a larger audience and support, and that thousands will be blessed spiritually and physically in the future as in the past.

Sister Douglas has our prayers for a complete and speedy recovery.—J. D. B.

IT WAS DONE

BOONEVILLE, Miss.—I should like to give a report of our work at Booneville. When we came here the first of October, we found the people somewhat discouraged, with a building just framed and no finance. We went to work and finished the church building, and have lumber bought to build a six-room parsonage. We set the first Sunday in November for an all-day service, and set our goal for $500, to be raised that day. Some of our people thought it could not be done here, so we began to pray and ask God to help us. We had Brother Byrd, our state overseer, with us, and he preached one of his great soul-stirring messages. The Spirit of the Lord came down in a mighty way, and when the offering was received we had $510.11.

We are thanking and praising God for these great blessings. We shall soon have a parsonage here. Our work is going forward, with our church greatly revived. Pray for us.—J. B. Lindly, Pastor.

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ALABAMA CITY, Ala.—Great things are happening at the Alabama City Church of God. On November 7, the Sunday School attendance of 1,018 broke all records. A great revival spirit is prevailing in the church. Large crowds are coming out. From November 7 to November 14 thirty-five were saved, sixteen sanctified, and nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Evangelist Walter Skutar is doing the preaching.—G. W. Hodges, Pastor.

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INTEREST SOARING—BREAKING RECORDS

GREENSBORO, N. C.—We are certainly praising God for our new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. V. D. Combs, and their daughter, Gloria. They are really proving a blessing to the Greensboro church. Since they have been here, almost every past record of the church has been broken. Our Sunday School has increased and far surpassed all previous records, the attendance having reached two hundred and fifty-two. The tithes also, have broken all previous records. The general attendance has greatly increased and the interest is soaring high among members and visitors.

We have had the greatest revival in the history of the Greensboro church. It began October 6 and ran through the 31st. Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Angley, of Tampa, Florida, were the evangelists. Fifty-two were saved, thirty-one sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, forty-one baptized in water, and forty-six added to the church. Two baptismal services were held, and the presence of the Holy Ghost was greatly felt in each.

The ladies' Harmony Quartet, of the local church, and other special singers added greatly to the services. The attendance and interest in every service were good, many visiting from surrounding churches. An outstanding feature of the revival was a young man praying through at the altar and being gloriously saved during Sunday School. This is the first record of any one being saved during Sunday School in the Greensboro church.

The revival closed with three receiving the Holy Ghost and six uniting with the church on the last night.

Brother and Sister Angley are greatly appreciated by the Greensboro people. Brother Angley preached outstanding messages and we feel that much and lasting good has been accomplished. For all this we are greatful.—Mrs. Cecil Ramsey.

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A WONDERFUL CHURCH AND PEOPLE

BELTON, S. C.—We have had a nice increase in all departments. The surplus tithes are already near $300. We are paying $50 a month on furniture. The L.W.W.B. is doing a wonderful

job, with about forty in attendance. There has been a good increase in the Y.P.E., and several have been saved. We have had a good increase in membership—some from the Pentecostal church. We raised our School money Sunday morning. It was $137.—G. C. Hamby, Pastor.

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ON THE UPWARD MOVE

FLINT, Mich.—Greetings in Jesus' name to the *Evangel* readers.

We people here in West Flint, Mich. are proud to report that our church is moving on and doing things since Rev. R. E. Lovelle came to us from Louisville, Ky. We have had forty-four saved, twenty-one sanctified, thirteen baptized in the Holy Ghost, nineteen baptized in water, and twenty-five added to the church since Brother Lovelle has been here. Our tithes have doubled for the month of October, totaling $885.64.

The church has recently purchased new furniture for the parsonage, such as an electric stove, a washer, a desk for the church study, table lamps, and rugs. The Y. P. E. has also purchased a new Grand piano, costing $1,675.

We have a weekly broadcast each Sunday, direct from the church, from 1:00 to 1:30 p. m., over Station WMRP.

We appreciate Brother and Sister Lovelle and their fine family, because they are wonderful workers in the church, and they are also very talented. They are held in high esteem by all.

Pray for us here in Flint that we may go forward in the work of the Lord.—Ruth Durant.

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MEMBERSHIP DOUBLED

DUFF, Tenn.—Greetings in the name of Jesus from the Church of God at White Oak. We are an old group with the Pentecostal movement, but we have just been with the Church of God fourteen months. We have recently spent $1,200 on our church and bought a piano. The Lord is surely blessing wonderfully. The church has more than doubled in membership in this fourteen months. Our pastor is Rev. John Spurlock.—Norma Moore, Clerk.

..REVIVALS..

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—Recently we closed a two weeks' revival at the Thomasville Church of God, conducted by Rev. Clyde N. Bolt, of LaGrange, Georgia. The Lord truly blessed us here. There were ten saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church, for which we truly thank the Lord. Pray for us that our church may continue to grow and work for God.—Mrs. L. W. Sculley and Mrs. Gene Norman.

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DOTHAN, Ala.—We have just closed a glorious two weeks' revival here. This was the first since we moved into our nice two story church building. The Lord surely did bless. Several were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many hungry hearts were blessed and filled. Dothan was stirred deeply. This is a new but fastly progressing work. Brother Jack Dudley, of Birmingham, was the evangelist. This revival will not be forgotten. God is proving His great power here. Pray for us.—L. W. Jones, Pastor.

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RAMSEY, Va.—The Church of God at Ramsey has just closed a three weeks' revival, conducted by Rev. Bill Evoy and wife. The Lord blessed in every service. There were twenty saved, eight sanctified, ten baptized with the Holy Ghost, and eighteen added to the church. Brother and Sister Evoy are untiring workers for the Lord. Their singing, under the divine anointing of the Holy Ghost, and the message from the Word of God, backed up by the Holy Ghost, will bless any church. Also it will cause saved souls to hunger for more of God, and sinners to weep their way through to Calvary. Many nights the Holy Ghost took charge of the service. Messages were given out, with the interpretations, and souls rushed to the altar seeking God. Brother Evoy is a man that will obey God and let Him have His way.

We are pastoring the Glamorgan Church of God also, and Brother Evoy closed a meeting there with nineteen saved, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen baptized in water.

We praise the Lord for the good people at these two churches. In January, our church at Glamorgan burned down, with not much insurance. We now have a nice new cinder-block building completed and almost paid for.

At Ramsey, the church was set in order last year with nineteen members. We now have seventy-seven, and we plan for a new church building and parsonage there in the spring. The people there really have a mind to work for God. All the pastor has to do is just let them work. We desire the prayers of all the children of God that we might just stay humble and be a blessing to our people here.—Herbert A. Stone, Pastor.

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FORK RIDGE, Ky.—We are still praising the Lord for the wonderful revival just closed at the Church of God here, with the pastor assisted by Brother and Sister Hyde. It was the best revival I've seen in a long time. The presence of the Lord was in every service. There were sixteen saved, four sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven added to the church, and five baptized in water. One brother was wonderfully healed. He had a stiff leg and hadn't been on his knees in nine months and God instantly healed him. We praise the Lord for it. We thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Hyde. They surely have been a blessing to the church. Please pray for us that we may win many souls.—George Lewis, Pastor.

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CRISFIELD, Md.—We have just closed a revival with four saved, four sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. Rev. Jonah Perry, of Edmon, N. C., did the preaching. Also, our young people's work is getting along fine. We have recently redecorated the interior of the parsonage and have fitted the whole house with storm windows. God is blessing us in a great way in every department of the church.—W. Morefield, Pastor.

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DURHAM, N. C.—Rev. Thomas Grassano and wife, of Greenville, S. C., were with us two weeks, beginning October 12. It was a time of spiritual refreshing. The messages were delivered under the anointing of the Spirit and deep conviction was manifested among the congregations, resulting in sixteen saved, nine sanctified, eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and eleven added to the church. Sister Gra

no brought some soul-stirring messages in song, which added to the spirit of the services. As a direct result of the meetings, some family groups in entirety are now members of our church.—Norman Cunningham, Clerk.

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TOLEDO, Ohio—Dr. Helen L. Morrow, of Inman, S. C., began an old-time revival in Toledo September 12, 1948, which continued four weeks. This was the greatest revival the church of God has enjoyed for many years from all-around results. Thirty were saved and fifteen given the right hand of fellowship in the church. The attendance was excellent. There was great cooperation from various churches of the city. The church was built up in many ways. Anyone would do well to secure the services of Sister Morrow.—Carl G. Carder, Pastor.

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GREENVILLE, Miss.—We have just closed one of the best revivals Greenville has known. Truly the Lord undertook. The Holy Ghost took over several nights. The saints were revived more than they ever were. The Lord really worked among our young people. There were thirty-four saved, thirty-six sanctified, and thirty-two filled with the Holy Ghost, most of them were young people. We had one of those preachers who preach the truth. She truly is a woman of God. We all love her. She strengthened our faith in our Lord and His mighty healing power. In the healing service a large number were healed and others received a blessing. There was one healed of milk leg whom doctors could not cure, and one of cancer. We had the Lord's supper and feet washing Sunday night, and it seemed like made everyone more humble. The Lord was so close and comforting in this sacred hour. We have a preacher and wife who are lifting our church out of the sand and putting it upon solid rock. Our evangelist was Mrs. Daisy Flanagan, of New Orleans. Pray that we'll ever stay in the center of the Lord's will.—A Member.

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ALARKA, N. C.—We have just closed a very successful revival at the Church of God here at Alarka. Brother E. P. Davenport, of Shooting Creek, N. C., did the preaching. The Lord poured His Spirit in a wonderful way and each service was blessed with the outpouring of God's grace. Brother Davenport preaches the Word of God in the old-time, Holy-Ghost-filled way. He certainly has been a blessing to our church. We can feel the effects of his preaching deep down in our souls. There were eight saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. Our revival ran two weeks and the church was greatly blessed. Brother Davenport is doing evangelistic work this year. Anyone wanting a good evangelist would do well to get in touch with Brother Davenport.—Fred W. Parris.

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FITZGERALD, Ga.—A wonderful revival has just closed at the Church of God here. There were sixteen saved and nineteen sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival closed Saturday night, October 23. Brother Lavern Holt, of McCrary, was our evangelist. Sister Dorothy Wilkins is our pastor. One soul was saved in our regular service Sunday night, so we still have the revival spirit. Eternity alone can tell what these two humble servants of God have done for this place. Our revival ran four weeks. Brother Holt is in a revival now at Pumpkin Bend church.—Mamie Larley, Clerk.

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JONESVILLE, N. C.—We have just closed a revival with Brother and Sister Bradley as the evangelists. It was wonderful how God anointed them with a Holy Ghost message every night. There were thirty-two saved, seventeen sanctified, twenty-two baptized with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water, and eighteen added to the church. We thank the Lord for sending them here for a revival, and we truly thank God for our pastor, Sister Dixie Chambers. She is a wonderful preacher. God really has blessed the work here since she came. This is the best revival that has ever been in Jonesville, and we are looking for a greater one in the future, if the Lord tarries.

In the first week of the revival God made a way for the church to get a new oil heater, and Sister Chambers said she was praying for a new piano and believed we were going to get it, so in three days we had a new $800 piano. We are just praising the Lord for it and the way the Lord is blessing the church here.—Mrs. Laura Layell.

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PLEASANTVILLE, N. J.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival, with Brother Jacob Shalata, converted Jew, doing the preaching. His messages were wonderful and will live long in the hearts and minds of those who heard him. The devil tried his best to stop the revival, but his efforts caused the Lord to greatly bless. The attendance was good. The revival has closed but the revival spirit remains. Results were five saved, two sanctified, and two filled with the baptism. Our pastor is Rev. John Josephsen.—Lois Jones.

A LETTER TO YOU

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3. By having each church, Y.P.E., Sunday School, or Sunday School class send a Christmas offering or a Christmas box.

If you will do this, we shall have a happy lot of children Christmas morning at our Orphanage. The children's ages range from two to seventeen years. All receipts will be reported in the *Evangel* by states. Whatever you do will be sincerely appreciated by everyone. Where possible, let us hear from you on or before December 18, and designate that your contribution or gift is to be used for Christmas. Send all packages and contributions to the above address.

Remember us when you pray, and we trust God's richest blessings will be upon your every effort.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Wm. F. Dych, Superintendent,
The Church of God Orphanage.

A GREAT . . . LADY

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she was seventeen, and has had to use crutches since, she has been a regular and efficient employee in the Dwight Cotton Mill for forty years.

She has been just as faithful to her church as to the mill company. If she misses services, it's due to sickness or inconvenience of transportation, and then the church still has her ardent prayers, tithes (I mean 10c out of every dollar), and offerings.

Since Sister Ida is faithful in supporting her local church, it goes to say that she supports every department of the Church general. Therefore, it was a genuine pleasure to Sister Bright and me to show her through the orphan homes and the Publishing House. Her face radiated delight as she saw what her investments from 1910 had been helping the Church of God to do.

The person that excels Sister Ida Freeman in practicing the motto "Live for others" as far as it is within her power, is yet for me to see.

DOUBLE—MINDED, BLINDED

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Christ's rejection, just so certain is the judgment to fall on all those who at present walk in their own ways and in spiritual darkness. Let me quote to you the following verses from Luke's Gospel, to show you how the blindness of Jerusalem brought upon it the terrible judgment Jesus foresaw. "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in *this thy day,* the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass the ground, and keep thee in on every side and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; *because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.*" Reader friend, are you endeavoring to keep your spiritual eyes open so that you can receive God's blessings when He chooses to pour them out, or are you so busy about what you want to do, that God cannot bless you when He would choose to do so? We are living in momentous days. Keep in tune with heaven. Jesus is coming soon—as KING.

LEE COLLEGE ECHOES

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Supt. R. T. Allen, of the Cleveland public schools, who has spent forty years in educational work, spoke in the regular chapel service at Lee College on Wednesday, November 10. He emphasized the great shortage of trained teachers, stating that there is one county in Tennessee that does not have a single teacher with four years of college training. This condition is a challenge to our Pentecostal young people. Think of the great work that could be done for God in the classrooms of this country, if a host of Spirit-filled young men and women would prepare themselves to teach. We hope you will enter Lee College the second semeseter and begin your training.

Th Reverends Otis McCoy and Fred Jernigan were with us in chapel service, Monday, November 15. Brother Jernigan spoke briefly of his work as state youth director in Alabama and gladdened our hearts by saying, "We expect to have one hundred students from Alabama in Lee College next year." We appreciate this attitude of Alabama's state youth director and are proud of the twenty-two students from Alabama who are attending Lee College now.

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CORRECTION

We are very sorry that in the report of the Missionary Association of Lee College, through an error (on our part), the names of Lucille and Herbert Walker and Vessie Hargrave were left out of the list of active missionairies who were once members of the Missionary Association. We are proud of these former members of our association and of the work they are doing on the mission field, and regret this oversight.

CAN ANYONE BACKSLIDE ?

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tangled again with the yoke of bondage. It is vain to learn wisdom then live foolishly. "Fools make a mock at sin." "Chance is a dicer." Saul took a chance, and the result was he cried out in despair, "I have played the fool, and erred exceedingly." His eternal security failed to work when it was so badly needed. Trusting eternal security is like feeling a high-powered wire to see if it is hot.

A good watch prevents misfortune, so "watch and pray always, that ye might escape wrath." "The end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober (UNINTOXICATED BY ANY FALSE DOCTRINE), and watch unto prayer."

In Rev. 3:5, "He that overcometh . . . I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." Now it is plain to me that a name must be written before it can be erased, or blotted out. This scripture signifies a battle, a struggle, a great conflict, and some have engaged in the battle, and their names are written above. If they are defeated, their names will be blotted out, but if they overcome, their names will not be blotted out, and Christ will confess them before God and the angels. How can anyone read this and not see a danger of defeat? IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT IF THE OVERCOMERS ARE NOT BLOTTED OUT, THE VICTIMS WILL BE.

Careless living invites a vigilant devil. Someone said that care and diligence would bring luck. Care and diligence will keep us saved. WITHOUT THIS WE'LL SURELY BACKSLIDE. In Exodus 32 we read of Israel sinning by making a golden calf. God became angry and wanted to destroy the people, but Moses pleaded, prayed, interceded, and even told God if He couldn't forgive them, then blot his name out of His book, also. But God said, "Whosoever hath sinned, him will I blot out of my book." AGAIN I ASK, HOW CAN WE BLOT OUT SOMETHING THAT HAS NEVER BEEN?

JUDAS BACKSLID. Some say he was a devil from the beginning, but I fail to find this in the Bible. That's scripture like, "Every tub has to sit on its own bottom," etc.

In Mark 3:14-19, Jesus ordained twelve and gave them power EVEN TO CAST OUT DEVILS. This may sound funny, but did Jesus ordain a devil to cast out devils? If he did, then it was a devilish time when Judas, a devil, began to cast out devils. (I'm glad I wasn't there.)

Another proverb says, "Bad priests bring the devil into the church." Jesus, the High (God) Priest, surely didn't start His Church with a devil. In John 13, after communion service and feet washing, Jesus was troubled, and said, "One of you shall betray me." Peter asked John to ask Christ which one would betray Him. Jesus said, "The one to whom I shall give a sop," and he gave the sop to Judas. In verse 27, after (note "after") the sop, Satan entered into him. Surely we could not enter into a building without first being outside of it, so the devil had to be outside of Judas to enter into him. Read Luke 22:1-3. Verse 3 says "then entered Satan into Judas." Then when? "At the time of the passover." Acts 1:25, "Judas by transgression fell." Transgression is usually doing wrong after knowing better. the word "fell" implies he was up, or high, else he could not have fallen. Now, if Judas was a devil to start with, why pray about someone taking his place? Why not just grab anyone and put them in his place. If one devil could carry on God's work, another could. No, but the apostles prayed and cast lots for a good man and got him.

In Matt 26:14-16, we find that Judas was a money lover. Money is a good servant but a bad master. Judas let money become his master instead of Christ. "The love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted AFTER THEY HAVE ERRED FROM THE FAITH." "A wise man's eyes are in his head (for use), but the fool walketh in darkness." He that won't look before, will surely find himself behind.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

AY FOR:

Me, my son, and husband to be saved.—Mrs. s Harris.

The Lord to save my children and husband; e to get closer to the Lord.—Mrs. O. R. Sampn, Princeton, W. Va.

God to heal me so I won't have to have an eration; my children to be healed and saved. Mrs. C. Richardson, Ramhurst, Ga.

My husband to be healed of a pain in his est and back that is very severe at times; to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Hubert W. ll, Miami, Fla.

Mr. John L. Gibson to be healed of rheumaism; my family to be saved.—Mary Faulkner, shland, Miss.

God to heal me of ulcerated stomach.— W. Carver, Canton, N. C.

God to heal me.—Taze Sikes, Cleveland, nn.

My sister and mother not to lose their home. Mrs. Handy G. Brantley, Bailey, N. C.

The Lord to heal me.—G. W. Ragin, Dyersurg, Tenn.

My daughter in the hospital, seriously sick. W. R. Whidden, Sebring, Fla.

The healing of my mother who has had a roke; several urgent requests.—Mrs. Luvenia arks, Paint Lick, Ky.

My daughter, Carrie Shatter.

Me to be completely healed. — Mrs. R. L. uts, Talking Rock, Ga.

My brother's eyes to be healed.—C. W. Fricks, hite Stone, Ga.

My husband to be healed of high blood pressure, also his mind to be better, and him to be saved.—Mrs. R. H. Fowler, High Springs, Fla.

Me and the unsaved in my family.—Mrs. Ethel Cunningham, Roanoke, Va.

Me to be healed of cancer.—Mrs. Lillie Mae Jenkins, Cartersville, Ga.

Special request.—Bessie Austin, Albany, Ga.

Mrs. T. J. Wages who has been sick since 1942 with T.B.—A Sister, Denver, Colo.

My husband to come back to God and be filled with the Holy Ghost; special unspoken requests.—A Member, Orosi, Calif.

God to give me the victory.—A Sister, Lansing, Mich.

Our son to be healed of asthma.—Mrs. T. L. Little, Plymouth, N. C.

Mrs. Ada Brooks to be healed of severe pains in her side.—Mrs. Odelle Wells, Ashland, Ala.

A girl who has the Holy Ghost and her parents won't let her go to church.—Luvenio Reid, Hammond, La.

Special request; my son to be healed of asthma.—A Sister, Logan, W. Va.

My sister to be healed of a broken leg.—Sister A. S. Ruark.

KEYSER, W. Va.—I have a lady working for me who has become a great Christian the last few years. Her name is Mary Ann Hickey, of Elk Garden, Md. She tells me of the great work that you do to save sinners. I need these prayers also. I belong to a church, but I have never felt like she says she does. Please pray for me that I may be forgiven.—A friend in need.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

IN MEMORIUM—MRS ANNIE STONE—DIED JANUARY 30, 1947

loved you, Sister Annie, much more than I can tell,
nd yet I know our Saviour does all things good and well.
e sent His holy angels to take you to that shore
here you will rest forever, and death will come no more.
n fancy I can see you walking down the streets of gold,
long the crystal river, within the Shepherd's fold.
mong the saints in glory, you'll never know a care;
t through the ceaseless ages, the joys of heaven share.
hen I think of you, Annie, it always makes me glad.
know you are the truest of earthly friends I've had!
nd in the time of trial, your love was much the same
s Jonathan's for David, these men of Bible fame.
o I shall always cherish the happy scenes of old;
our memory, dear Annie, to me is more than gold.
'll trust and keep on plodding along the pilgrim way,
Until we're reunited in that glad land of day!

—Mrs. Arch Williams, Manatee, Fla.

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BRYSON

On September 23, 1948, Mrs. Josephene Bryson, age fifty-seven, wife of Paul H. Bryson, passed away after only a few hours of illness. Surviving are her husband, two daughters, two sons, and seven grandchildren. She was a member of the Church of God at Newark, Ohio. Her kindness won her countless friends who feel her passing deeply.

Dear husband and children, be content,
For I to you was only lent;
The Lord has only had his due
And very soon may call for you.
Mourn not for me, my life is past;
You kindly loved me to the last.
Haste to Christ, make no delay,
For no one knows his dying day.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. V. W. Thomas, Benton, Ill.

MOREFIELD

Henry Morefield was born in Wythe County, Virginia, September 6, 1880, and departed this life October 2, 1948, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a member of the Church of God at Pulaski, Virginia. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife and ten children. He had thirty-eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends.—John A. Sanders, Clerk.

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PITTS

On October 2, 1948, the death angel took our dear Sister Flora Pitts to be with Jesus. She was a true and faithful worker in the Union Grove Church of God at Fender, Georgia. She had been secretary and treasurer of our Y. P. E. and Sunday School for ten years, and God alone knows how we miss her in each service. She left a wonderful testimony for all her sisters and brothers to live close to God and meet her in heaven.—Mrs. Lee Ball, Tifton, Ga.

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COMBS

John Henry Combs, born February 16, 1885, in Missouri, son of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Combs, departed this life October 13, 1948, to be with Jesus. He is survived by his devoted wife, six sons, two daughters, twenty-five grandchildren, and one great-grandson. His family has been reared in the Church of God. His funeral was conducted at the Church of God, San Pedro, California, by his pastor, M. E. Drake.

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HARGRAVE

T. B. (Tom) Hargrave, age forty-six years, departed this life October 11, 1948. He died from injuries received in an automobile accident. The Church of God was his faith. Most of his family are members of the Church of God at Lubbock, Texas. We miss him very much, but have hopes of seeing him on the other shore.—Mrs. L. L. Clark, Jal, N. M.

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